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SUBJECT: BOLIVIAN REACTION TO VENEZUELAN COUP ATTEMPT

REF: A) BOGOTA 1584, B) STATE 33853

1. CONFIDENTIAL -- ENTIRE TEXT.

2. BOLIVIA, OFFICIALLY AND PRIVATELY, HAS BEEN QUICK TO
CONDEMN THE ATTEMPTED COUP IN VENEZUELA. FONMIN SOURCES
CONFIRMED THAT PRESIDENT JAIME PAZ ZAMORA CALLED CAP EARLY
ON FEBRUARY 4 TO EXPRESS HIS SUPPORT, BUT NO OFFICIAL TEXT
HAS BEEN RELEASED YET. (THE TEXT BROADCAST IN BOGOTA,

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REF A, MAY HAVE BEEN DRAWN FROM THE PAZ-CAP TELECON. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PROBLEM IN ISSUING AN OFFICIAL GOB STATEMENT LAST NIGHT WAS LOCATING AND CONTACTING CAP.) PAZ APPARENTLY CALLED OTHER ANDEAN LEADERS AS WELL, BUT WE HAVE NOT OBTAINED OFFICIAL DETAILS.

3. AS OF 1000 LOCAL TIME ON FEBRUARY 4, THE FONMIN WAS REVISING A DRAFT RIO GROUP STATEMENT IN COORDINATION WITH THE GOV FONMIN. THE STATEMENT IS EXPECTED TO STRONGLY SUPPORT CAP AND CONDEMN THE COUP AS AN ATTACK ON DEMOCRACY. WE WILL REPORT THE TEXT OF THAT STATEMENT AS SOON AS IT BECOMES AVAILABLE. THE RIO GROUP STATEMENT IS APPARENTLY IN ADDITION TO THE SO-CALLED "DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA" STATEMENT ISSUED EARLIER ON FEBRUARY 4 (AND REPORTED BY FBIS).

4. ALTHOUGH REPORTED DETAILS OF THE COUP AND OF THE STATUS OF THE GOV ARE SCANTY IN THE BOLIVIAN MEDIA, REPORTS OF SUPPORT FOR CAP FROM GOB OFFICIALS AND FROM REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS ARE LOUD AND CLEAR. WE DELIVERED THE
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TEXT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S STATEMENT (REF B) TO THE FONMIN AND HAVE PASSED IT TO ALL THE MEDIA FOR USE IN BROADCASTS AND NEWSPAPERS ON FEBRUARY 4.

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